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## Osborn Hopelessly Muddled.

Newspapers throughout the state are pointing to the fact that one of the bright spots in the campaign of Patrick H. Kelley lies in the fact that he has done nothing which will embarrass his party, that he has left nothing which the opposing political faction may take up for campaign ammunition and that he has never stooped to an arraignment of either of his opponents.

Despite the fact that Mr. Kelley's chief opponent has linked him with Governor Warner and has preached what he called "Warner-Kelleyism" throughout the state the lieutenant governor has gone his way, presenting the issues of the day fairly and squarely and gaining votes in every county.

The wisdom of his course was shown last week when Mr. Osborn became hopelessly muddled in an intricate network of his own statements. Mr. Osborn interrupted Mr. Kelley's meeting at Big Rapids and when he attacked the past administration Mr. Kelley put to him point blank the fact that he had supported Governor Warner in the primaries two years ago and contributed to his campaign fund. Mr. Osborn denied the fact, claiming that he merely supported Governor Warner after the primaries just as he would support Mr. Kelley if he was nominated. That one statement proved to be Mr. Osborn's downfall. Gov. Warner, who had born the attack in silence, immediately came out with records which proved that Mr. Osborn contributed \$500 before the primaries and \$250 following his nomination. The governor also produced a letter which disproved Mr. Osborn's statement that they had not been on friendly terms for the past twelve years and in the course of which Mr. Osborn declared he was "gleeful" over the governor's election. Mr. Osborn then reiterated his statement that he had only supported the governor after the primaries, whereupon the Lansing State Republican sent a special representative to Sault Ste. Marie and from the files of Mr. Osborn's own paper, the Soo News, secured the address which he delivered there June 9, introducing the governor to the people of that city in which he said:

"I want to say for Governor Warner that the state never had a better governor. We have never had a governor who has striven harder to meet the demands of the people. The only thing they can say against him is their argument for a third term. Other states when they have had good governors have re-elected them for third terms. They did not swap horses in the middle of the stream."

The newspapers of the state took up the issue immediately. The fact that Mr. Osborn had made deliberate mis-statements, that he had toured the country declaring that Michigan was on the road to ruin, and that he had professed enmity for Governor Warner and his administration,

all for no other purpose than boosting his own candidacy, was given full publicity and in a day the star of the Soo man began to fade. Mr. Osborn's Waterloo came at Big Rapids and in county after county where he has thrown himself into a paroxysm of rage in an attempt to fight himself clear of the entanglements, he has only lost votes. Paper after paper has scored him for his vituperative remarks, several have commented upon the profanity which he uses freely and each day brings forth new developments which prove most conclusively that the people of this state have recognized the difference between the man who dared to go on in the face of falsehood and vituperation delivering a calm, unimpassioned address, and the man who embarrassed his party in the hope of honor for himself.

## Elmer D. Sirrine for Sheriff.

The strenuous campaign for republican county nominations is fast drawing to a close. It has been the greatest campaign for county honors at the hands of the republican electors ever waged in Van Buren county. While there are sharp contests for nearly every office where there is more than one candidate the interest in the campaign has seemed to center in the contest for sheriff. That is probably owing to the fact that there are so many aspirants for the office. There are six candidates for this important position. Each candidate has been putting forth his best efforts to secure the nomination and be it said to the credit of the candidates, the campaign has been in the main, clean and devoid of "mud throwing."

The True Northerner has up to this time expressed no opinion editorially on the sheriff matter, and even now we do not desire to throw a single stone at any candidate in the race. It is the opinion of The True Northerner, however, that Elmer D. Sirrine, the present under sheriff, has the lead in the race and will be the next sheriff of Van Buren county. Whatever may be said in favor of any of the various candidates, he possesses all of the requisites for this office and the citizens of Van Buren county will have no cause for regret if the above prediction is the outcome of the fight. Mr. Sirrine has been the under sheriff to Sheriff Chappell during the past four years. This experience surely fits him for the duties of the office. He is an efficient officer, clear headed and active in the discharge of official duties. He is a fearless officer and a man of splendid judgment. His schooling along the lines of the sheriff's office pre-eminently fit him for this office. The True Northerner believes that there is no valid reason why he should not be the next sheriff and bespeaks for him success at the primaries on September 6.

## Inconsistency of Congressman Townsend.

The Detroit Free Press of last week showed a cartoon which illustrates the inconsistency of Congressman Townsend in his desperate effort to secure the nomination for United States Senator. Townsend is shown in the picture standing in a bewildered and rather muddled attitude, reading from a large bulletin board on which is written an extract from one of Mr. Townsend's speeches taken from the Congressional Record. The extract is as follows:

"I cannot close without paying my humble yet sincere tribute of respect and esteem to that distinguished republican statesman and patriot, the Speaker of the House. He has not only presided with impartial ability over the Congress, but he has been wise in counsel, profound in statesmanship, and is devotedly loved by every member of this body. Arduous and sometimes difficult and exacting duties have not disturbed his mental or physical powers, and he stands today younger than the youngest and stronger than the strongest. The noblest Roman of us all." Wise,

just and experienced, he has no superior in the minds of those who know him. That God may fulfill the promise of many more years of exalted service to his country is the devout prayer of the American people for JOSEPH G. CANNON."

Over the cartoon, Townsend is made to utter these significant words: "Gee! Did I say that?"

This explains Congressman Townsend's position. He is favorable to Cannon when it is to his interest to be, and vice versa, against him when that will suit his purpose better. He is an insurgent when he is among insurgents, and a regular when that will suit better.

This is a factor in the senatorial race that is of importance to the voters of Michigan, and should be weighed carefully before the vote is cast.

Senator Burrows has always been consistent on all the great problems, and time has demonstrated that his position has been correct. The people of the state of Michigan have always known where to find him, and he has been true to his trust. This is the year of all years that he should be returned to the senate. There is no reason for turning him down, unless it be that some other man wants his place.

## Harry A. Cross for County Clerk.



Harry A. Cross of Lawrence, republican candidate for county clerk, is making a splendid race for the office to which he aspires. He is a Lawrence young man and has the loyal support of his own township and a large and favorable acquaintance in Van Buren county. He is a man of good education, quiet and unassuming in his manner, a good penman and accountant, accurate and painstaking in his work. He is well qualified for the office to which he aspires, and, if nominated and elected, The True Northerner feels that he will make a record for efficiency in the office of county clerk, equal to any of the excellent clerks who have held that position in the past. That the important details of the county will be well cared for and the interests of the people of the county protected.

Two years ago, Mr. Cross was a candidate for the office he now seeks. He made a splendid impression upon the voters of the county at that time, and was second in the race. He now feels, as do many of his loyal friends throughout the county, that if there is any such thing as political preference, he is entitled to it at this time. He is popular with all with whom he comes in contact, clean, of good character, and in every way qualified for the important office to which he aspires. The loyal assurances of support coming to Mr. Cross from all sections of the county, are pleasing to the candidate as well as to his friends, and The True Northerner bespeaks for his candidacy favorable consideration from the republican voters of the county on primary day, September 6, 1910.

UNLESS all political prophecies fail, Attorney Guy J. Wicksall of South Haven will be the next state senator from the eighth senatorial district. He is making a phenomenal race for this important office, and has a strong following throughout the two counties which comprise the dis-

trict. He has splendid qualifications for the office to which he aspires. He is an attorney of more than local reputation, and made a splendid record in the recent constitutional convention, of which he was a member. His experience in that body, and the knowledge gained there would be of inestimable value to him as a member of the senate should he be elected to that body. Mr. Wicksall is comparatively a young man, in the full vigor of life, has a large and favorable acquaintance throughout the state and will, in all probability, be the next senator from the Van Buren and Allegan district.

THE Free Press and Courier takes The True Northerner to task for objecting to the candidacy of Chase S. Osborn of the Upper Peninsula. Does The True Northerner understand that our contemporary would favor, in addition to the six important offices which the Northern Peninsula now has, the election of a governor from the same region, whose sole interest is mining? Especially when that candidate has publicly acknowledged that he supported one candidate for governor, while at the same time he was giving financial aid to another candidate.

THE letter in last week's issue of The True Northerner, in which the strenuous race for sheriff was compared to the Grand Circuit races, has caused some criticism, and one of the Paw Paw gentlemen, who occasionally furnishes copy for this paper has been accused of being the author of the letter. The True Northerner desires to state that the letter in question was written by a subscriber and friend of this paper (not by a Paw Paw man however) and was given space in our columns the same as any letter on any subject from a subscriber.

THE republicans of Michigan who propose to vote for Mr. Townsend for United States senator are spurred on and encouraged by the democratic, independent, socialistic press, and it is these same editors and papers that would rejoice the hardest and crow the loudest should Mr. Townsend be successful. All of this is very significant.

THE Allegan Gazette, in commenting on Lieutenant Governor Kelley's tour of Allegan county last week, merely stated that Mr. Kelley failed to explain to the voters of Allegan county why it was that Allegan did not get the Western State Normal school. The Gazette might better have used the same space in trying to explain how it was that its candidate, Chase S. Osborn, could support Dr. Bradley for governor two years ago, and at the same time contribute to Governor Warner's primary campaign expenses.

AUDITOR GENERAL, superintendent of public instruction, judge of the supreme court, member of the board of education, member of the board of agriculture and regent of the U. of M., all from the mining region of the North, which comprises just one congressional district. Do the people of the lower peninsula desire in addition to all this administrative power to nominate a governor from the same district? Well hardly, not yet.

SENATOR BURROWS' record as a faithful representative of the people and the state ought to weigh more than any number of reckless promises, especially so where there is no guarantee that the goods promised can or will be delivered.

If Senator Burrows receives the votes of Michigan republicans who believe in party integrity and party regularity, as he should receive them, his majority will be overwhelming.

HON Edward L. Hamilton has no opposition to his candidacy for a renomination to the national house of representatives. His record in that body during his incumbency of the office is spotless, and he is even stronger now with his constituents than ever before. He will visit his friends in this county next Saturday and Monday, and will be given a royal welcome wherever he may go.

HON. B. F. Heckert, member of the legislature, Glenn E. Warner, prosecuting attorney, Geo. Mutchler, drain commissioner, and W. V. Ackley, surveyor, are all on easy street as far as a renomination is concerned. Each of the above mentioned gentlemen have made a most enviable record in their respective offices, and will be returned for a second term without a dissenting vote.

THIS week has been one of the greatest literary and musical treats ever enjoyed by Paw Paw people. The Chautauqua in Paw Paw has come to stay, and the success which has attended the efforts of the Paw Paw people during the past two years, speaks well for the management and also the community.

THE Kalamazoo Gazette speaks of the great amount of intoxicating liquors consumed in "dry Berrien." The Gazette should know, if it does not, that it is not "dry" and never was dry, but that it has the unenviable reputation of being as "wet" as even Kalamazoo itself.

SENATOR BURROWS' tariff talk is the same wherever he may be and before all people alike. Can those who are opposing Senator Burrows on account of the tariff say the same?

THE candidates now are singing "Just before the battle mother."

SOME "Class" to the Chautauqua this year.

Great rain that, as well as some wind.

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE.



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## HENRY E. SHAEFER.



Republican Candidate for Register of Deeds.

To the republican voters of Van Buren county:

I am a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds and I respectfully solicit your support at the primaries to be held on the 6th day of September and I assure you that if nominated and elected to such office I shall use my utmost endeavors to please all who may have oc-

casions to transact business with me and to properly perform all my official duties in a manner that shall be satisfactory to the people. If I am honored by your choice I shall not ask your support for a third term.

HENRY E. SHAEFER.

## ELMER D. SIRRINE.



The present Under Sheriff of Van Buren county and candidate for sheriff at the republican primaries September 6, 1910.

Some of the comments of the county press relative to the candidacy of Under Sheriff Sirrine:

Elmer Sirrine of Paw Paw, who has filled the position of Under Sheriff of Van Buren county for nearly four years, is undoubtedly better qualified than any other man in the county to step into the sheriff's shoes and perform the duties of the office in an acceptable manner.

While Mr. Sirrine has not yet made a public announcement of his candidacy, it is well understood that he is coming before the people this summer asking their support at the primaries next September and that he will receive a hearty support from all parts of the county goes without saying.

The Advance does not intend to "knock" any candidate for this important office—there are several of them and all excellent men—but the qualifications of Mr. Sirrine are so paramount that this paper has no hesitation in recommending him to the people of the county as the proper man for sheriff.

It has long been an established precedent that the mantle of sheriff shall fall upon the under sheriff. It was so when John Britton was under sheriff for W. J. Thomas; it was so when C. C. Chappell was under sheriff for John Britton, and we hope to see it so in the case of Mr. Sirrine, who has been under sheriff to C. C. Chappell. We believe that the people of the county will make no mistake if they will support Elmer Sirrine for sheriff.—Bangor Advance of January 28, 1910.

## Our candidate for Sheriff.

—Globeville News, August 12, 1910.

## A live candidate for Sheriff.

—Hartford Day Spring, August 3, 1910

Elmer D. Sirrine, candidate for Sheriff at the September primaries, was in town, last Thursday and Friday. Mr. Sirrine is the present under sheriff and thoroughly understands the business connected with the office to which he aspires. He is making a good clean fight for the nomination and judging from the talk we hear he will receive a large vote in this section of the county.—Bloomingdale Leader, August 12, 1910

Elmer D. Sirrine, republican candidate for the office of sheriff, is a man well qualified to assume the responsible duties of this office. He is the present under sheriff and is a most efficient officer, clear-headed and active in the discharge of his duties, a fearless officer and a man of good judgment. The office requires such a man as this and the enrolled voters will make no mistake in voting for Mr. Sirrine in the coming primaries.—Lawrence Times, August 18, 1910.

## GUY J. WICKSALL FOR STATE SENATOR.

SOUTH HAVEN ATTORNEY SEEKS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION IN THIS DISTRICT.

SERVED DISTRICT IN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THREE YEARS AGO.

Guy J. Wicksall, of South Haven, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for state senator in this district, consisting of Allegan and Van Buren counties. On his record in business and public affairs, Mr. Wicksall and his friends ask the support of the enrolled Republicans of these two counties at the primary on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

The leading Republican papers of his home county have published the following favorable mention of his candidacy and of his qualifications for the office:

Paw Paw True Northerner—Hon. Guy J. Wicksall of South Haven is waging a vigorous campaign for state senator from the eighth district, and his candidacy is meeting the popular approval of Republican electors of the district. Mr. Wicksall is a prominent attorney and served his district well.

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